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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Hannig in the chair.

Prayer by Father Terry Cassidy with the St. Anne's Catholic Church in Peoria, Illinois.

Representative Howard led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

114 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Joyce, Patterson, Scully and Washington were excused from attendance.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Alternative Retirement Cancellation Payment, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Bilingual Needs and Bilingual Pay Survey, 2005 Report, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

School Wellness Policy Task Force Report, submitted by State Board of Education.

Small Business Report, FY 2005, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

The Community Mental Health Medicaid Trust Fund: Background, Analyses, and Recommendations, December 2005, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Public Act 093-0611 Data, December 2005, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Annual Real Property Utilization Reports, CD format, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Educator Supply & Demand 2005 Annual Report, submitted by State Board of Education.

Certification for Designation, OfficeMax Inc., submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

First Quarter Procurement Activity Report, FY 2005, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Bonded Indebtness Report, 2005, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Regional Office of Education #38, Logan, Mason, Menard Counties, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Affirmative Action Plan, FY 2006, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Abuse & Neglect of Adults with Disabilities, FY 2005, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Consolidation & Reorganization of Activities, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Title XX Social Services Block Grant Projected Expenditures Report, FY 2006, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Annual Statistical Report, 2004, submitted by State Board of Education.

Recycling & Recycled Paper Procurement Update, FY 2005, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Financial Statements, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Audit Report for Department of Central Management Services, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Affirmative Action Plan, FY 2006, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Audit Report for Dewitt, Livingston, & McLean Counties Regional Office of Education #17, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Audit Report for Franklin/Williamson Counties Regional Office of Education #21, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Funding and Plan Design Summary of the State Employees' Group Insurance Program, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Declaration of Exemption, submitted by Department of Public Health.

Report, submitted by Commission on the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education.

Annual Report, 2005, submitted by Pollution Control Board.

Report, January 2006, submitted by Office of the Inspector General.

Annual financial statements and auditor's report, submitted by Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission.

Annual Report, 2005, submitted by Office of the Inspector General.

Bi-Annual Report, submitted by Public Building Commission of Chicago.

Medical Expenditures for Services Provided, FY 2005, submitted by Department of Healthcare & Family Services.

Annual Tuition & Fee Waiver Report, submitted by Board of Higher Education.

Annual Report on Public University Revenues & Expenditures, FY 2005, submitted by Board of Higher Education.

Report of the Illinois Delegation to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 2005, submitted by Legislative Reference Bureau.

Case Report, 2005, submitted by Legislative Reference Bureau.

Commission Report & Recommendations, 2005, submitted by Advisory Commission on Pension Benefits.

Quarterly Report, January 2006, submitted by Department of Corrections

Reports on financial operations, FY 2005, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

COMMITTEE ON RULES REFERRALS

Representative Currie, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, action taken earlier today, reported the following legislative measures and/or joint action motions have been assigned as follows:

Adoption Reform: HOUSE BILL 4186.

Executive: HOUSE BILL 4161.

Higher Education: HOUSE BILL 4339.

Human Services: HOUSE BILL 4302.

Judiciary II - Criminal Law: HOUSE BILLS 4134 and 4341.

Revenue: HOUSE BILL 4175.

State Government Administration: HOUSE BILLS 4292 and 4320.

RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following bills were re-referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 19(a) HOUSE BILLS 157, 466, 708, 1664, 1943, 2706, 2900 and 3905, SENATE BILLS 49, 176, 998, 1445 and 1977, and HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 31.

CORRECTIONAL NOTES SUPPLIED

Correctional Notes have been supplied for HOUSE BILLS 4141, 4222 and 4292.

FISCAL NOTES SUPPLIED

Fiscal Notes have been supplied for HOUSE BILLS 4141, 4222 and 4292.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Flowers, Chairperson, from the Committee on Health Care Availability and Access to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4125.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4125 is as follows:

11, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Flowers,Mary(D), Chairperson
 Y Chavez,Michelle(D)
 Y Golar,Esther(D)
 Y Krause,Carolyn(R)
 Y May,Karen(D)
 Y Sommer,Keith(R)

Y Osmond,JoAnn(R), Republican Spokesperson
 Y Dugan,Lisa(D)
 Y Howard,Constance(D)
 Y Mathias,Sidney(R)
 Y Mulligan,Rosemary(R)

Representative Molaro, Chairperson, from the Committee on Judiciary II - Criminal Law to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 4141 and 4179.

That the bill be reported "do pass as amended" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4297.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4141 is as follows:

14, Yeas; 0, Nays; 1, Answering Present.

Y Molaro,Robert(D), Chairperson
 P Lindner,Patricia(R), Republican Spokesperson
 Y Collins,Annazette(D)
 Y Durkin,Jim(R)
 Y Golar,Esther(D)
 Y Howard,Constance(D)
 Y Mautino,Frank(D)
 Y Sacia,Jim(R)

Y Delgado,William(D), Vice-Chairperson
 Y Bradley,John(D)
 Y Cultra,Shane(R)
 Y Froehlich,Paul(R)
 Y Gordon,Careen(D)
 A Jones,Lovana(D)
 Y Reis,David(R)
 Y Wait,Ronald(R)

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 4179 and 4297 is as follows:

15, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Molaro,Robert(D), Chairperson
 Y Lindner,Patricia(R), Republican Spokesperson
 Y Collins,Annazette(D)
 Y Durkin,Jim(R)
 Y Golar,Esther(D)
 Y Howard,Constance(D)
 Y Mautino,Frank(D)
 Y Sacia,Jim(R)

Y Delgado,William(D), Vice-Chairperson
 Y Bradley,John(D)
 Y Cultra,Shane(R)
 Y Froehlich,Paul(R)
 Y Gordon,Careen(D)
 A Jones,Lovana(D)
 Y Reis,David(R)
 Y Wait,Ronald(R)

Representative Osterman, Chairperson, from the Committee on Local Government to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4127.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4127 is as follows:

10, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Osterman,Harry(D), Chairperson
 Y Flider,Robert(D), Vice-Chairperson
 Y Mathias,Sidney(R), Republican Spokesperson
 Y Ryg,Kathleen(D)
 Y Tryon,Michael(R)
 Y Younge,Wyvetter(D)

Y Beiser,Daniel(D)
 Y Kelly,Robin(D)
 Y Moffitt,Donald(R)
 A Sommer,Keith(R)
 Y Watson,Jim(R)

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4462. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 4463. Introduced by Representative Meyer, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4464. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4465. Introduced by Representative Patterson, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4466. Introduced by Representative Patterson, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4467. Introduced by Representative Patterson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4468. Introduced by Representative Pritchard, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4469. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4470. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4471. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4472. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4473. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4474. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4475. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4476. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4477. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4478. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4479. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4480. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4481. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4482. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4483. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4484. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4485. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4486. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4487. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4488. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4489. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4490. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4491. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4492. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

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HOUSE BILL 4495. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4496. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4497. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4498. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4499. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4500. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4501. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4502. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4503. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4504. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4505. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4506. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4507. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4508. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4509. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4510. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4511. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4512. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4513. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4514. Introduced by Representatives Bradley, Richard and McCarthy, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4515. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4516. Introduced by Representative Younge, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4517. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning asset development.

HOUSE BILL 4518. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning asset development accounts.

HOUSE BILL 4519. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning property.

HOUSE BILL 4520. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4521. Introduced by Representatives Sacia - Brauer, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4522. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4523. Introduced by Representatives Bellock - Coulson - Tryon, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4524. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4525. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4526. Introduced by Representatives Currie - Jones, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4527. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4528. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 4529. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 4530. Introduced by Representative Myers, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4531. Introduced by Representatives Ramey - Coulson, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4532. Introduced by Representatives Phelps - Moffitt - Fritchey - Chapa LaVia - Ramey, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4533. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4534. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4535. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4536. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 4537. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4538. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 4539. Introduced by Representatives Gordon - Dugan, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 4540. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4541. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4542. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4543. Introduced by Representatives Lyons, Joseph - Verschoore, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4544. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning children.

HOUSE BILL 4545. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning sex offenders.

HOUSE BILL 4546. Introduced by Representative McAuliffe, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4547. Introduced by Representative Kelly, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4548. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4549. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 4550. Introduced by Representatives Reitz - Beiser, AN ACT concerning firearms.

HOUSE BILL 4551. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4552. Introduced by Representative Dunn, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4553. Introduced by Representative Brauer, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4554. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4555. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4556. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.

- HOUSE BILL 4557. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4558. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4559. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4560. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4561. Introduced by Representatives Jefferson - McGuire - Beiser - Verschoore, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4562. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4563. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT concerning firearms.
- HOUSE BILL 4564. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT to create the Gun-free Zone Criminal Conduct Liability Act.
- HOUSE BILL 4565. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning firearms.
- HOUSE BILL 4566. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning firearms.
- HOUSE BILL 4567. Introduced by Representative Reis, AN ACT concerning firearms.
- HOUSE BILL 4568. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4569. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4570. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4571. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.
- HOUSE BILL 4572. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning ethics.
- HOUSE BILL 4573. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 4574. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4575. Introduced by Representative Giles, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 4576. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4577. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4578. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4579. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4580. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4581. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4582. Introduced by Representative Molaro, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4583. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4584. Introduced by Representative Reitz, AN ACT in relation to firearms.
- HOUSE BILL 4585. Introduced by Representative Turner, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 4586. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 4587. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4588. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 4589. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 4590. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4591. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4592. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4593. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4594. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 4595. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 4596. Introduced by Representative Granberg, AN ACT concerning schools.
- HOUSE BILL 4597. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4598. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning regulation.
 HOUSE BILL 4599. Introduced by Representative Delgado, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL 4600. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning courts.
 HOUSE BILL 4601. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL 4602. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL 4603. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL 4604. Introduced by Representative Munson, AN ACT concerning State government.
 HOUSE BILL 4605. Introduced by Representatives Chavez - Berrios - Mendoza, AN ACT concerning State government.
 HOUSE BILL 4606. Introduced by Representatives Berrios - Mendoza - Chavez, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL 4607. Introduced by Representative Mendoza, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
 HOUSE BILL 4608. Introduced by Representative Mendoza, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 734

Offered by Representative Dugan:

WHEREAS, United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Michael Leavitt, announced that Provena St. Mary's Hospital (PSMH) is one of ten nationwide winners of the Third Annual Innovation in Prevention Awards for its Wellness Center for Special Needs Fitness Program (Wellness Center), which is dedicated to providing fitness and general inclusion activities for the mentally and physically challenged; and

WHEREAS, The Innovation in Prevention Awards were created as part of President Bush's HealthierUS Initiative and the United States Department of Health and Human Services' continuing focus on preventing chronic disease and improving the lives of Americans; and

WHEREAS, The awards highlight businesses and organizations that are leading efforts to promote healthier lifestyles in seven different areas; the PSMH Wellness Center was honored in the faith-based and community-based initiatives category; and

WHEREAS, Based in Kankakee, PSMH's Wellness Center works to provide physical activity for individuals with special needs to reduce their risk of heart disease, diabetes, and falls, as well as their dependence on others; participants meet with an instructor in groups of six to fifteen twice a week for forty-five minutes of fitness instruction, including cardiovascular exercise and strength training; workouts in the program are kept as structured as possible in order to chart individual development and ensure full body involvement; and

WHEREAS, According to Secretary Leavitt, "Provena St. Mary's Wellness Center Special Needs Fitness Program addresses the important need to provide physical activities for individuals with special needs, a population that is often underserved"; Secretary Leavitt also found the Wellness Center to be an example of how persons with mental and physical disabilities can be encouraged to lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, The Wellness Center is part of PSMH's mission to compassionately respond to human need by providing fitness opportunities and community inclusion to those otherwise not served; PSMH has maintained the Wellness Center for the past five years and has helped enrich the lives of its participants and PSMH's members and staff; PSMH members and staff hope that the success of the Wellness Center continues to grow so that its benefits can be offered to more individuals who need additional health activities in their life; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Provena St. Mary's Hospital on winning an Innovation in Prevention Award for its Wellness Center for Special Needs Fitness Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Provena St. Mary's Hospital as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 735

Offered by Representative Turner:

WHEREAS, Grace United Methodist Church of Springfield is celebrating its 108th anniversary this year; the Church will celebrate this momentous occasion with a three-day event that will mark the Church's long-standing presence in the community with ceremonies of respect, festivity, tribute, and praise; the festival will include a dinner at the Crown Plaza in Springfield featuring Guest Speaker Bishop Leontine Kelly; and

WHEREAS, The original church was founded in 1898 when the Reverend W.E. Wilson was sent to Springfield by the Old Central Missouri Annual Conference to organize a church; in 1968 the Grace United Methodist Church became a part of the Central Illinois Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, For 108 years, Grace United Methodist Church has sought to hear and follow the Word of God, as it pertains to being in ministry to all of God's children, within the church, the neighborhood, the city, the State, and all corners of God's earth; although it has been through struggles and trials, Grace United Methodist Church has always remembered upon whom it should lean and its strength was regained in following the Great Commission to, "Go therefore, making disciples."; and

WHEREAS, Grace United Methodist Church takes pride in the changes it has seen over the last 108 years, but remains focused on ministering to its brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, remembering that we are truly blessed that God is always the same; Grace United Methodist Church has never given up and presses on with its mission with pride in its past and faith in its future; the Church has survived by holding true to the principles that God loves, strengthens, and calls us yesterday, today, and forever; if past history can predict the future, Grace United Methodist Church will continue as a congregation that is representative of God's grace; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the church has been led by many distinguished pastors and is now under the caring direction of the Reverend Sylvester Weatherall, Directing Pastor and the Reverend William "Bill" Burton, Associate Pastor; the church continues its ministry in the community, working cooperatively with Kumler United Methodist Church as a two-point charge for the purpose of reaching out to the east and near north sides of Springfield; in the future, Grace United Methodist Church hopes to expand its church facility and provide more room for program ministries, Sunday school, music, computer classes, meeting space, and a larger sanctuary and fellowship hall; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Grace United Methodist Church on the celebration of 108 years of ministry and community service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Reverend Sylvester Weatherall, Directing Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 736

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Illinois is pleased to congratulate Joe Plaskas on the occasion of his induction into Northern Illinois University's Athletics Hall of Fame; Plaskas was one of four individuals so honored this year as part of the NIU Huskies' gala 99th Homecoming observance; and

WHEREAS, Joe Plaskas earned eight NIU letters in two sports - football (1956-59) and baseball (1957 and 1959-61); he also earned First-Team All-Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in both sports; and

WHEREAS, On the gridiron for Hall-of-Fame coach Howard Fletcher, Joe Plaskas led the Huskies in rushing twice (511 yards in 1958 and 698 yards in 1959), scoring (36 points in 1958), and passing (154 yards in 1956); in his final football campaign when the Huskies went 7-2 and finished second in the IIAC, as a fullback, he was one of three players who earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-America honors; Joe also made First-Team All-IIAC, and he was named to the Fourth-Team Peoria Journal Star All-State team in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Currently ranked No. 22 on the all-time NIU rushing list with 1,315 career yards, 6-foot,

195-pound Joe Plaskas not only rewrote the same school record set by Hall-of-Famer Bob Brigham (1,221 yards in 1947-49) but held that standard for five more seasons; according to 1959 team quarterback and co-captain Lew Flinn, "the guy who made things go was Joe with his great blocking"; and

WHEREAS, On the baseball diamond in 1959, Joe Plaskas led the league in batting with a .455 average (20-of-44) as a sophomore and actually won First-Team All-IIAC as a pitcher; and

WHEREAS, As a prep, Joe Plaskas lettered in football (3) and baseball (3) at Oswego High School; a long-time football and baseball coach at Barrington High School, he was inducted into the Barrington and Oswego halls of fame; as a three-time Hall-of-Famer, Joe serves as a tremendous role model for current student-athletes at NIU, Barrington, and Oswego; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Joe Plaskas on his induction into Northern Illinois University's Athletics Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to him as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 737

Offered by Representative Colvin:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House are pleased to honor Cleo Johnson, founder and director of Cleo Johnson's School of Charm and Modeling Agency, and congratulate her on her lifetime achievements; and

WHEREAS, In the 1950s professional modeling as a career was extremely limited; upon graduating from the now defunct Academy of Charm in 1951, Cleo Johnson found that opportunities for black women, in particular, being trained as fashion models were not the best; after personally experiencing the extreme racial discrimination that period of history produced, Mrs. Johnson felt that one day a door would open for women of all races; she also had a strong desire to share the expert knowledge she had acquired in the field of high fashion modeling; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Mrs. Johnson organized Cleo Johnson's School of Charm and Modeling; the school's mission was to train women and men to improve their appearance, attitude, and behavior; the end result would make the difference between success and failure; students were prepared to take command in any situation, whether in the office, schoolroom, hospital, or across the breakfast table; and

WHEREAS, During the past fifty years, Cleo Johnson has provided a professional modeling program of high quality; in addition, Mrs. Johnson has guided literally thousands of individuals to successful professions other than modeling, which has resulted in helping them succeed in today's market; some of the school's past graduates include Gary Gray Jr. (cast member of the original Bill Cosby television sitcom), the late Minnie Riperton (top recording artist), Sherri "Peaches" Brewer Bronfman (actress who appeared in the movie Shaft and the musical Hello Dolly), and Cardiss Collins (former Illinois Congresswoman); even though these individuals and many more were groomed by Mrs. Johnson and achieved beyond the norm, Mrs. Johnson excelled in motivating the average child and adult to develop healthy self esteem; Mrs. Johnson deeply felt that if an individual was not able to overcome low self esteem, it could lead to introversion, withdrawal from normal life, and a waste of one's potential; Mrs. Johnson never turned away anyone who asked for her guidance; one example was a young lady who was handicapped and totally relied on a wheelchair for her mobility; she is now a past graduate; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, various business people have offered Mrs. Johnson positions in their companies; she never accepted; she stuck with her dream of helping others obtain their dreams; not worried about fame or fortune, Mrs. Johnson has held on to the power of faith, hope, and charity, which have motivated her actions; as a result, Cleo Johnson's School of Charm and Modeling Agency is the first and only black owned and operated modeling school which has existed to serve the community for the past fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Cleo Johnson has received numerous awards attesting to her outstanding achievements, contributions, and service, including, most recently: 1991, Founders' Award, Modeling Association of America International; 1992, Career Day Award; 1993, Salute to Our Youth Award; 1994, Charter Member Award, Modeling Association of America International; 1995, In the News Award; 1996, Hirsch Metro High School Partners in Education Award; 1996, Most Elegant Woman Around Award, Harold Necklas, Chairman; 1996, Pioneer of the Year; 1996 and 1997, Woman of the Rock; 1998, The African American

Award; 1999, Forty Years of Service and Achievement Award, Ethel Mae Hawkins; and 2005, Black On Black Love Award; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, November 6, 2005, at 4:00 P.M., at the Sabre Room, 3900 W. 95th Street, in Hickory Hills, Illinois, the past graduates of the past fifty years of Cleo Johnson's School of Charm and Modeling Agency will pay tribute to Cleo Johnson, the school's founder and director; with this tribute, Mrs. Johnson ("Chicago's First Lady of Fashion") will be recognized for her pioneering spirit as a fashion icon, leadership, accomplishments in the field of professional modeling, locally and nationally, consummate teacher, and dedicated support and service to Chicago's educational, religious, and civic community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Cleo Johnson, founder and director of Cleo Johnson's School of Charm and Modeling Agency, and congratulate her on her lifetime achievements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Cleo Johnson as an expression of our respect, admiration, and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 738

Offered by Representative D'Amico:

WHEREAS, The Sauganash Woman's Club of Chicago is a worthy organization whose goal is to return services to the local and larger community for which its members accept responsibility as good citizens; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor and recognize milestone events of civic organizations in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the Sauganash Woman's Club is celebrating its 80th anniversary on November 10, 2005, with a special fall benefit party at which the Club will remember the neighborhood women who created the Sauganash Woman's Club in 1926 and honor the hardworking and generous core of members who today sustain it; and

WHEREAS, Over the decades, the Club extended the helping hands of its members in many directions, including raising funds to send children to summer camp, purchase a seeing-eye dog, provide scholarships to worthy college students, endow special causes, support the USO, and more recently, help meet the needs of food pantries, homeless shelters, and local schools; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Club expanded the ways it serves others by creating committees that address specific needs, including The Smile Train, Make a Wish, and the Night Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, the Club opened its membership and Club members look forward to further growth and new ways to serve in the 21st century; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Sauganash Woman's Club on its 80th anniversary and its many years of service to those in need in Chicago and the surrounding area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Sauganash Woman's Club as an expression of our high esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 739

Offered by Representative D'Amico:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Cynthia "Cindy" Whalen of Edgebrook, Illinois September 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whalen was a graduate of St. Pancratius High School and attended DePaul University; She worked as an administrative assistant, office manager, and advisor for DePaul University's College of Commerce graduate school; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Whalen served DePaul from 1965 to 1980 as a crucial element in DePaul's business school graduate program; she was known as the front door and face of the graduate school for many years;

and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whalen enjoyed a successful career as an interior designer; she worked for 20 years for Simply Stylish Interiors and was beloved by her clients; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Whalen was a member of St. Mary of the Woods Church and Altar and Rosary Society as well as involved in the Edgebrook Women's Club; She was active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and many other civic and charitable endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whalen is remembered for her sunny, compassionate, and fearlessly determined outlook on life; her passing has been deeply felt by many, especially her husband, Edward; her son, Edward; her mother, Lucille Wojtowicz; siblings, Adrienne (Michael) Burns, Susan (Arnold) Wojtowicz-Kellman, and James Wojtowicz; mother-in-law, June; and nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Cynthia Whalen, and we extend our sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 740

Offered by Representative Osmond:

WHEREAS, Dedication to one's community is an admirable quality and Richard K. Studebaker, Benton Township Assessor since May 1985, has demonstrated his commitment to Benton Township for over 20 years, since being elected as Town Clerk in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Studebaker is active in his community in many ways; he is the Past President of the Lake County Assessor's Association, a member of the Township Officials of Illinois, Assessor's Division, a member of Certified Illinois Assessing Officers, and a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers; Mr. Studebaker also holds a real estate license; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Studebaker is a member of the Christ Community Church in Zion; he is a lifetime member of the VFW; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Studebaker has been married for 37 years to his wife, Jean; they are the proud parents of a daughter, Darci, and a son, Chris, and the proud grandparents of four grandchildren, Ryan, Andrew, Kelsey, and Max; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Studebaker's outstanding service to Benton Township is highly deserving of recognition; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we applaud Richard K. Studebaker for his service to Benton Township; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to Richard K. Studebaker.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 741

Offered by Representative Jones:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are honored to recognize foundations that provide exemplary service to the citizen's of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlawn Organization has been providing a wide variety of programs and services to its community for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, The mission of The Woodlawn Organization is to advance the African-American community and others in the areas of economic empowerment, political action, advocacy, and social welfare by providing training, education, counseling, and development services; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, The Woodlawn Organization has been at the forefront of community based, grassroots organization across the nation; the membership body is comprised of 115 interest groups such as block clubs, churches, businesses, tenant councils, parent groups, and homeowners associations; this group addresses vital issues on planning and development, community safety, education, health and human resources, employment, recreation, transportation, and housing; the team of organizers also

coordinate community meetings, rallies, block clubs, parties, back-to-school celebrations, and voter education and registration; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlawn Organization offers an employment and training program in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services that provides job opportunities to economically disadvantaged individuals throughout the Chicago area; the programs identify and provide an individualized combination of soft skills training and support services that give participants the opportunity to obtain and keep a job; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlawn Organization also offers an early childhood development center and an infant day care center; the organization has two facilities as an alternative to in-patient psychiatric treatment for adults with a history of chronic mental illness; and it offers substance abuse services that include two levels of treatment to assist participants in regaining control over their lives; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these services, The Woodlawn Organization offers in-home counseling services, HIV/AIDS testing and supportive services, peer and family support groups, court advocacy, family preservation centers, family case management, direct emergency assistance, and transportation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend The Woodlawn Organization on its invaluable service to the citizens of the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Leon Finney, Jr., the Chairman and CEO of The Woodlawn Organization.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 742

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize milestones in the lives of the citizens of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Erma Schanafelt is celebrating her 95th birthday; she was born on November 10, 1910 in Marion County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Erma was married to Keith Schanafelt and had 3 children, Ted, Kay, and Dixie; she also has 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; most of her life she was a housewife, but she also owned and operated a Merle Norman Cosmetics studio in Salem, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Erma has always been active in Democrat politics; her husband was a road commissioner and she worked on his elections; she was Marion County Chairwoman for several years and is a precinct committeewoman in Marion county, a position for which she is seeking re-election; and

WHEREAS, Erma still drives a car and visits the sick and cooks for the infirmed; each year, she participates in the Little Egypt Festival parade by riding in the caravan and passing out candy to the children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we wish Erma Schanafelt a happy 95th birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Erma Schanafelt as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 743

Offered by Representative D'Amico:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the 1930, 1955, and 1980 graduating classes of Weber High School in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1890, St. Stanislaus College became known as Archbishop Weber High School in 1930; and

WHEREAS, During its years of operation, Weber High School garnered a reputation for excellence in education and received many honors; and

WHEREAS, Though Weber High School closed its doors in June of 1999, the spirit of its values lives on

in each student who attended the school; and

WHEREAS, This year, the 1930 graduating class of Weber High School is celebrating its seventy-fifth class reunion, the 1955 graduating class is celebrating its fiftieth class reunion, and the 1980 graduating class is celebrating its twenty-fifth class reunion; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the 1930, 1955, and 1980 graduating classes of Weber High School on the occasion of their respective seventy-fifth, fiftieth, and twenty-fifth class reunions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to representatives of each of the 1930, 1955, and 1980 graduating classes of Weber High School.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 744

Offered by Representative Washington:

WHEREAS, The Lake County Chamber of Commerce (LCCC) was established in 1915 as the Waukegan Commercial Association and is celebrating 90 years of continuous service to the businesses of Lake County on December 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The LCCC has grown and expanded over the years to reflect its membership; in 1915 it was known as the Waukegan Commercial Association, in 1917 the organization changed its name to the Waukegan Chamber of Commerce, in 1946 it became known as the Waukegan/North Chicago Chamber of Commerce, in 1975 it became the Waukegan/Lake County Chamber of Commerce, and in the mid 1990's it became known as the LCCC; and

WHEREAS, The LCCC represents over 400 businesses from throughout Lake County and is the parent organization to 3 affiliate Chambers, the Gurnee Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Waukegan Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The LCCC serves as an important social and economic facilitator in the communities of Lake County, sponsoring numerous events like the twice-monthly Networkers Group, Women's Networkers, a Business After Hours hosted by member businesses, the Lake County Power Breakfast, and the Business Luncheon series; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 90 years the LCCC has proudly served the citizens and business community of Lake County promoting local businesses and the goods and services of those businesses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Lake County Chamber of Commerce on its 90th anniversary and recognize all of its members for their role in building a successful organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Lake County Chamber of Commerce as a token of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 745

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, On November 15, 2005, Dr. Richard Garretson of Crossroads Family Medicine in Mt. Vernon was honored with a Rural Physician of Excellence Award by the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

WHEREAS, The Rural Physician of Excellence Award was created to honor the work of rural physicians in improving the health and well-being of rural residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Garretson has demonstrated admirable commitment to rural health care in Illinois; he has practiced in Mt. Vernon for 41 years; he served as Jefferson County Coroner for 20 years; Dr. Garretson is also a volunteer and participant with the Jefferson County Health Department; he is board certified in Emergency Medicine and provides emergency services at a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garretson currently serves 3,000 patients and never turns anyone away who needs services; he will barter for services for those who cannot afford to pay; Dr. Garretson makes house calls for those unable to travel and provides service to the uninsured; Dr. Garretson also helps patients enroll in

pharmaceutical support programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Richard Garretson on receiving a Rural Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association and thank him for his many years of distinguished and generous service as an outstanding rural physician; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Richard Garretson as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 746

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to the Lady Cougars volleyball team of Central High School in Breese on winning the 2005 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class A State Championship on November 12, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Central High School is an outstanding school that challenges all students academically and vocationally and instills a positive work ethic in a safe atmosphere of mutual respect with the intent to reach and enhance individual talents; the success of the Lady Cougars is a testament to the strength of these values; and

WHEREAS, Under Varsity Coach Jim Cook and Assistant Coach Kelly Potthast, the Lady Cougars defeated Cahokia Conference rivals the Columbia Eagles and reclaimed the State championship in a well-fought battle at the Redbird Arena in Normal; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Cougars never trailed in their State Championship match against the Columbia Eagles; they came together as a team, played with purpose, and fought hard for their victory; and

WHEREAS, This victory marks the Lady Cougars' second State Championship in nine years; the win capped an exciting season with an overall record of 34-9, including a 23-0 record against Class A teams; in eight post-season matches, the Lady Cougars did not lose a single game, and only one team was able to put up more than twenty points a game against the amazing Lady Cougars; and

WHEREAS, The proud community of Breese honored the Lady Cougars with a hero's welcome upon their return from the State Championship, including a parade celebrating their victory; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Cougars deserve recognition for their inspiring victory; the team consists of Britni Holtmann, Melanie Gartside, Bethany Becker, Sarah Barth, Megan Winkeler, Cassy Becker, Lindsay Holtmann, Amanda Backes, Lauren Endres, Kelsi Scheer, Kelsey Straeter, Lauren Budde, Brittany Schrage, and Kassi Buehne; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Lady Cougars volleyball team of Central High School in Breese on winning the 2005 IHSA Class A State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lady Cougars Head Coach Jim Cook.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 747

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2005, Hurricane Katrina reached landfall, devastating the Gulf coast states; and

WHEREAS, The cost in human suffering is ongoing for hundreds of thousands of people who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Humanitarian aid was critically needed in many of the devastated regions and the devastation on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama was catastrophic; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other volunteer organizations and charities supplied hurricane survivors with food, water, and shelter; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of volunteers and government employees committed time and resources to help with recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers who deployed to Kenner, Louisiana, were Lt. Mike Kracht and firefighter

John Lynch of the Centralia Fire Department, Lt. Claude Howell of the Odin Fire Protection District, and Chief Roger Mann and firefighter Randy Schreffler of the Salem Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers who deployed to Hammond, Louisiana, were Officer Bryan Green of Salem Police Department and Officer Rob Dillon of Centralia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Many volunteers are still working to satisfy their mission; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the volunteers and offer our condolences to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the volunteers as an expression of our sincere gratitude for all of their hard work and assistance they provided.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 748

Offered by Representative Osmond:

WHEREAS, The Lake County Chamber of Commerce (LCCC) was established in 1915 as the Waukegan Commercial Association and is celebrating 90 years of continuous service to the businesses of Lake County on December 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The LCCC has grown and expanded over the years to reflect its membership; in 1915 it was established as an all-volunteer organization known as the Waukegan Commercial Association; in 1917 the original organization changed its name to the Waukegan Chamber of Commerce; reflecting the expansion of its membership, the organization in 1946 became known as the Waukegan/North Chicago Chamber of Commerce, in 1975 it became the Waukegan/Lake County Chamber of Commerce, and in the mid 1990's it became known as the LCCC; and

WHEREAS, The LCCC's records indicate that it is the oldest chamber of commerce in continuous operation in Lake County; the LCCC represents over 400 businesses from throughout Lake County and is the parent organization to 3 affiliate Chambers, the Gurnee Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Waukegan Chamber of Commerce; the parent organization strives to provide programming that will benefit any business no matter where in the county it is located; each affiliate chamber focuses on the businesses that make up its constituency; and

WHEREAS, The LCCC serves as an important social and economic facilitator in the communities of Lake County, sponsoring numerous events like the twice-monthly Networkers Group, Women's Networkers, a Business After Hours hosted by member businesses, the Lake County Power Breakfast, and the Business Luncheon series; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 90 years the LCCC has proudly served the citizens and business community of Lake County promoting local businesses and the goods and services of those businesses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Lake County Chamber of Commerce on its 90th anniversary and recognize all of its members for their role in building a successful organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Lake County Chamber of Commerce as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 749

Offered by Representative Rose:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives learned with regret of the death of Raymond W. "Burrhead" Lamkin of Champaign on Saturday, October 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamkin was born on March 23, 1918, in Hammond to Clyde E. and Lola M. Lecrone Lamkin; he married Irene E. Korsmeyer on July 24, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamkin was a graduate of Bement High School; he was a drop forger at Clifford and Jacobs Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamkin served in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theatre of Operation Normandy at the end of the war; he was a fifty year volunteer at the Danville Veteran's

Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamkin was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, where he was a former deacon on two occasions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamkin was a member of the Piatt Historical and Genealogical Society, the American Legion Post #24, the VFW Post #5520, the US Calvary Association, and the 106th Cavalry Regiment Association; he was a member and former state commander of the Amvets Post #3; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and two sisters; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Raymond W. "Burrhead" Lamkin has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife; his daughter, Patsy Ann Spinks; his grandchild; and his two sisters, Patricia Ford and Evelyn Pierce; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Raymond W. Lamkin, and we extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our deepest sympathy for their loss.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 750

Offered by Representative Flider:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Lawrence "Slats" Trower of Arthur, Illinois on winning the 2005 Humanitarian Award of the Association of Commerce of Arthur; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Trower was born and raised in Arthur; he graduated from high school in Arthur on May 20, 1944; he left for 10 weeks of Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego, California on June 9, 1944; he underwent advanced training at Camp Pendleton in California in August 1944; he was shipped overseas to Maui, Hawaii in November 1944 to serve with the 4th Marine Division; he boarded ship on January 1, 1945 for Iwo Jima; he landed on the third morning, was fed steak and eggs for breakfast, and then went to war; he was wounded by a shell on March 4, 1945 and received the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trower married C. Jane Craig on May 20, 1948; they have been married for 57 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trower is a charter member of the Arthur Lions Club; he achieved 32nd Degree Masonry in Danville, Illinois; he was named Lion of the Year for District 1E by the Arthur Lions Club in 1987; he received the International President's Award from the Arthur Lions Club in 1987; he was named Meldin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International for dedicated humanitarian services in 1989; he received a plaque from the American Legion as the Most Outstanding Fundraiser in 1989 for selling raffle tickets and raising money; he received the State Master Gardener Excellence Award and the Outstanding Master Gardener Award from the University of Illinois in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trower is an elder in the Vine Street Christian Church; he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for 50 years and a member of the American Legion for 57 years; he has raised tomatoes for the VFW for 10 years and has used the money for scholarships to students in Arthur and Lovington; one scholarship has been given to Arthur schools every year for 10 years and three scholarships to Lovington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trower has worked with the 5th and 6th grade students in Arthur; they start in February and have their own lab and grow their own plants; they plant potatoes, corn, tomatoes, etc., and they help take care of them in the summer; every Wednesday the teacher and some of the kids show up and help keep the lab clean; they also harvest the vegetables; Lawrence gives produce to the food banks and vegetables to the Tabernacle Church in Sullivan to help 27 families; he loves working with the community and the students; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Slats" and Jane Trower have 3 daughters, Cheryl Ann (Trower) Jackson (married to Daniel Jackson), Connie Jo (Trower) Armer (married to John S. Armer), and Cindy Renee (Trower) Helton (married to Steve Helton); Mr. and Mrs. Trower have 6 grandchildren: Tamara Sowers, Daniel Scott Jackson, Keri Elizabeth Jackson, Matthew Lawrence Jackson, Jared John Armer, and Jodi Michelle Herbord; Mr. and Mrs. Trower have 13 great grandchildren: Cherode Danielle Sowers, Drew Jeffrey Hopper, Chase Heston Jackson, Drake Anthony Jackson, Lainey Elizabeth Jackson, Ridge Daniel Jackson, Cole Matthew Jackson, Elizabeth Jo Herbord, Judd Michael Sowers, Riley Grace Jackson, Lexi

Elizabeth Sowers, Claire Evelyn Jackson, and Wyatt Paul Jackson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Lawrence "Slats" Trower on winning the 2005 Humanitarian Award of the Association of Commerce of Arthur, Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lawrence Trower as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 751

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, When the 2005 season concluded, the girls volleyball team of Breese Mater Dei High School, the Lady Knights, again earned their way into the upper echelon of Illinois girls volleyball teams; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Knights' accomplishments in volleyball were achieved by hard work, in practices and in games, by team members from each class and in each playing position; specifically, the squad included: two seniors, Amanda Rickhoff (MH) and Whitney Voss (L), the team captains; three juniors, Larissa Huels (S), Ellen Huelsmann (L), and Becca Lamb (OH); seven sophomores, Katie Becker (OH), Megan Gebke (L), Jessica Hemann (MH), Erin Kasson (OH), Jamie Loepker (OH), Kayla Schroeder (OH), and Lindsay Winkeler (S); and three freshman, Cortney Crocker (L), Morgan Dall (MH), and Laura Thole (OH); and

WHEREAS, In his twenty-ninth year as the Breese Mater Dei girls volleyball coach, Fred Rakers notched another winning season in 2005 with a record of 35 wins and only 5 losses, thereby improving his overall coaching record at Breese Mater Dei to 846 wins, 157 losses, and 5 ties, for an overall winning percentage of .839 in the 1008 games of the Lady Knights that he coached; and

WHEREAS, In guiding the team to another excellent season, Coach Rakers was joined on the bench by Assistant Coach Erin Kopec; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the Lady Knights were heartened, home and away, by support from their loyal fans; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois High School Association's (IHSA) Class AA Girls Volleyball Tournament began with teams from 284 high schools across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Knights steadily advanced in the tournament and garnered a Regional title at Marion, a Sectional title at Salem, and a Super-Sectional title at O'Fallon; and

WHEREAS, On November 11-12, 2005, the IHSA held the State Final Tournament in Class AA Girls Volleyball in the Redbird Arena at Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, In the quarterfinal round of the IHSA tournament, the Lady Knights valiantly battled the Joliet Catholic Academy Angels for the right to advance to the semi-final round, but the Lady Knights, after outlasting Joliet Catholic Academy by a score of 27-25 in the first game, fell to the Angels in the next two games; and

WHEREAS, The Mater Dei Lady Knights concluded another excellent season with a record of 35 wins and only 5 losses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Lady Knights from Breese Mater Dei High School on their impressive volleyball season and participation in the quarter-final round of the IHSA Class AA Girls Volleyball Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Lady Knights Head Coach Fred Rakers as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 752

Offered by Representative Beiser:

WHEREAS, The community of Dorsey is celebrating its sesquicentennial on July 22 and 23, 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Dorsey Community Improvement Association is organizing the two-day event for the community and, as part of the celebration, a historical book of Dorsey will be created; and

WHEREAS, Dorsey was settled in 1856 by the Dorsey family; it had an active railroad stop for over 100 years starting in 1854, the Emmaus Lutheran Church was founded in 1854, and Dorsey's first post office opened in 1857; and

WHEREAS, When the railroad was operating, it attracted a variety of businesses to the area; Aljets Automotive and Bertels Sales and Service opened in the early 1900s and both businesses are still in operation today; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Dorsey are proud of the many veterans from the community who have served the country in the various wars throughout the years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor and recognize the community of Dorsey and its residents on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and express our sincerest best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the community of Dorsey as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 753

Offered by Representative Beiser:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of William Thompson Roberts, 82, of Alton, on November 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born in 1923 at Martins Ferry, Ohio, to Byron and Ruth (Thompson) Roberts; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from the Lab School at the University of Chicago, attended Indiana University, and studied at Washington University in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, He enlisted in the Marine Corps, served in the Pacific during World War II, rose to the rank of Lieutenant, and was involved in the surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo Bay to end World War II; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Mr. Roberts opened a small DeSoto-Plymouth dealership in Wood River and designated the dealership Roberts Motors; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Roberts Motors expanded and moved to the Alton area, where it became a Chrysler-Plymouth-GMC truck dealership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts expanded in new directions when he founded Roberts Leasing in 1961 and added to his business holdings by his purchase of a Ford dealership in Wood River; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts served the Alton-Wood River Auto Dealers Association as its president and he shared his business acumen with the Madison-St. Clair Dealers Association as a member of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, He served on the advisory committee of Secretary of State Jim Edgar and the National Chrysler-Plymouth Council representing the St. Louis District; and

WHEREAS, As one of the founding members of Pride Inc., Roberts was instrumental in establishing the driver's education program at Alton High School; and

WHEREAS, Roberts was proud of his memberships in the River Bend Growth Association, the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club, and the Scottish Rite Masonic Order; and

WHEREAS, The memorial service for Mr. Roberts was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Alton, where he was a trustee and elder; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bobby; and

WHEREAS, The passing of William Thompson Roberts is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Sylvia Howard Roberts; his daughter, Susan Elizabeth Roberts; his son, David Roberts; his stepdaughter, Susan Trainor; and three grandchildren, Kathryn Roberts, Jennifer Roberts, and Sarah Trainor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of William Thompson Roberts and we extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 754

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, Leland Lewis, Executive Director of the DuPage County Health Department, is retiring June 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was selected to serve as Executive Director on November 15, 1999; during his tenure, some of his major accomplishments have been to serve as Incident Commander, TOPOFF II and International bioterrorism exercise, to serve as a founding member of the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium, to oversee the Monkey Pox outbreak in DuPage County, and to develop the first plan for distribution of the Strategic Stockpile in DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla and his Master of Business Administration degree from Northern Illinois University; he is a registered professional engineer; and

WHEREAS, He served in the U.S. Army, Republic of Korea and Georgia, as a first lieutenant; in the 1980s, he was an officer in the Oak Brook Association of Commerce & Industry; in the 1990s, he served on the Glen Ellyn Zoning Board of Appeals and the Glenbard District 87 High School Enrollment Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, From 1970 to 1993, his work in the private sector involved engineering and managing business operations; in May of 1994, he joined the DuPage County Health Department as the Director of Business Operations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Leland Lewis on his retirement, we thank him for his dedicated service with the DuPage County Health Department, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Leland Lewis as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 755

Offered by Representative Ryg:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives learned with sadness of the death of Chester H. Fluder on November 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fluder was born November 19, 1921 in Chicago; he was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps; he graduated from the University of Illinois and worked as an electrical engineer for Vapor Corporation; and

WHEREAS, He will be remembered for his selfless dedication to his own family, the family of his children's friends, and especially for his years as a driver of the St. Patrick Academy/Wheeling "bus" service; and

WHEREAS, He served his church and community with quiet pride; he will be missed but never forgotten as a kind and sweet man who was always there to guide and help; and

WHEREAS, Chester Fluder was the husband of Margaret (nee Kuzma); the father of Linda Coffey and Mary Papantos; the grandfather of Kenney (Gwen) Coffey, Kimberly Coffey, Jeremy Coffey, Jason Coffey, and Matthew and Katie Papantos; the brother of Eugene (Mickey) Fluder, Stephen (Marge) Fluder, and Ernest (Carol) Fluder; and the uncle of many; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Chester Fluder and extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 756

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, In 1905, Nemer Kaleel, of Lebanon, arrived at Ellis Island, penniless, homeless, and without any knowledge of the English language; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kaleel settled in Spring Valley and began to peddle goods from house to house; in 1939, an Earlville banker suggested he open a store in the community and Kaleel's Clothing was born; and

WHEREAS, During the ensuing years, Mr. Kaleel built a respectable business and a close family; his sons continued the legacy and opened stores in the area; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, his grandson, who shared his ancestor's vision, opened his own store in Oswego; in 1981, the spotlight of national media landed on the American Male store and applauded the family's belief in selling only American-made products; the Kaleel family's deeply held beliefs connected them to Americans everywhere; and

WHEREAS, The store, American Male & Company, continues to prosper; it is Oswego's hidden treasure and a shopping haven for both men and women; and

WHEREAS, The Kaleel family proudly celebrates the life of an immigrant with a dream; they reflect on the life of a man and his sons who have worked quietly, obscurely, and proudly to provide their families with the opportunities of a great land; the Kaleel family believes in the American dream, a dream born 100 years ago; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the Kaleel family's deep, determined resolve in the American dream and wish them continued success and happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Kaleel family as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 757

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Rickey (Rick) Burnett on Friday, September 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on February 13, 1959, to Leroy and Bobbie Burnett; he was educated in the Chicago Public School System, where his early education began at Sumner Elementary School; he was a graduate of Lane Technical High School and furthered his education by attending Roosevelt University for several years; and

WHEREAS, For the last 22 years, Mr. Burnett was employed by SBC Communications Telephone Company, most recently as a Cable Technician; during his employment, he mastered an advanced skill level, which allowed him to receive and be assigned complex, multiple line above and underground installations; some of his special project assignments included the Taste of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority, and the Chicago Housing Authority, and he was one of the primary technicians servicing telephone lines at the former Cook County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett was an active union member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 165, which later became a part of IBEW Local 21; he served as shop steward for the SBC Hasting Street garage for several years; in this role, he would vigorously defend the contract bargaining rights of his fellow co-workers during employee personnel grievance matters with SBC communications; the rights of the workers mattered most to Rick; and

WHEREAS, Although he was born in the city, his love for the outdoors made him a true "country man"; he loved exploring the outdoors, camping, hunting, and fishing; he would often share his catch by cooking up great meals for his family and friends; music was his passion, and he enjoyed playing the trumpet and organ; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Rickey Burnett has been deeply felt by many, especially his beloved companion and soul mate, Janice Hill; her daughter, Mallory Jenise Hill; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Burnett; his daughters, Diana Ashley Burnett and Dana Marie Burnett; his brothers, Alvin Burnett and Bobby L. Burnett (Delecta); his sister, Diane Burnett Blakley (William); his nephew; his two nieces; his seven aunts; his five uncles; and his many close relatives and dear friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Rickey (Rick) Burnett, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 758

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Carpenters Regional Council used generous donations received for disaster relief to set up a Katrina Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, Monies received from the UBC Helping Hands Fund, affiliate Regional Councils, affiliate Local Unions, and individual member donations were used to help feed over 5,000 people at the family social services center; and

WHEREAS, Working with the Red Cross and with the donations and volunteer efforts of the members and staff, the Council turned its training center into a shelter to provide housing, clothing, food, tools, and other forms of assistance to many evacuee members and their families; and

WHEREAS, An evacuee member of Local 1846 in New Orleans and members of his family stayed at the shelter for two months; the Relief Fund provided the member with numerous tools that enabled him to go back to work; he and his family were also provided their first month's rent and a deposit to help them get into another house; and

WHEREAS, The shelter also provided relief to many evacuees from the Lake Charles region of Louisiana after Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, The Council continues to use relief funds to provide housing to workers in the New Orleans region; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the Louisiana Carpenters Regional Council for its hard work and dedication in promoting relief efforts as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Louisiana Carpenters Regional Council as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 759

Offered by Representative Fritchey:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with deep sadness of the death of Howard Franklin Eychaner on Tuesday, November 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eychaner was born in Sycamore on August 22, 1916, to Perry J. and Ethel B. Eychaner; he was a 1934 graduate of DeKalb High School; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 1942, Mr. Eychaner married Mildred Marie Lovett in Winnebago; he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in DeKalb since 1928; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Eychaner advocated justice and dignity for all people, including women, refugees, and people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds; along with his wife, Mildred, he co-founded the Northern Illinois Chapter of Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG); they worked tirelessly for the full acceptance and inclusion of gays and lesbians into society in general and, in particular, within the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Northern Illinois University, in honor of the Eychaners' contributions on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, created the Eychaner Award to honor others committed to the same work; in 2002, the couple was honored with the first Pioneer Family Award from the national P-FLAG organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eychaner he was founding president and board member of the DeKalb Area Retirement Center; in May of 2005, the Oak Crest Health Center was named for the Eychaners; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his sister, Doris Ringstrom, and his

brother, Donald; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Howard Franklin Eychaner has been deeply felt by many, especially his children, Fred, James (Barbara), Rich, and Barbara (Tom) Richardson; his four grandchildren, Anne, Jay, Tim Richardson, and Alana Richardson; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Howard Franklin Eychaner, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincere condolences for their loss.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 762

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, In March 2005, Dr. Lane Abrell was named 2005 High School State Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and MetLife; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Abrell is beginning his twentieth year in education and his ninth at Plainfield High School; his career in education includes having been a classroom teacher, athletic coach, dean, assistant principal, and beginning October 23, 2000, the principal of Plainfield High School; he is now in charge of 2,600 students, 199 certified staff, and 60 support staff; and

WHEREAS, He is an alumnus of Western Illinois University, having graduated with a bachelor's degree in education; he earned a master's degree in education administration from Governors State University and a doctorate degree in education administration from Northern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being an active member in several professional or civic organizations, Dr. Abrell is the State Chairman for the Legislative Committee for the Illinois Principals Association; he enjoys spending time with his family, physical exercise, meeting new people, and being a Chicago Cubs fan; and

WHEREAS, He is married to Michelle and they have three children, Erik, Parker, and Lauren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Lane Abrell on his well-deserved award and commend him for his personal commitment and service to his students, community, and the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Lane Abrell as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 763

Offered by Representative Black:

WHEREAS, The boys soccer team of Schlarman High School in Danville steadily advanced through the 2005 season, winning week after week; and

WHEREAS, Danville is proud of these Schlarman Hilltoppers and all that the soccer team achieved this season; and

WHEREAS, The 2005 Schlarman soccer team consisted of nine seniors, seven juniors, four sophomores, and two freshmen; playing forward were: Dane DeBruyn, Lance Dillon, Michael Kasper, Jared Lazzell, Casey Smutz, and Carly Tamalunis; manning the midfield positions were: Nathan Jenkins, Chris Lewellyn, Matt Pellegrini, Nick Pellegrini, Arturo Plaza, William Plaza, Whitney Showers, and Jacob Trimble; taking the field as defenders were: Patrick Coon, Pete Goodwin, Scott Hardy, Cameron Hazel, Tommy McKenna, Scott Showers, and Tyler Thurman; the goalkeeper was Josh Hetzel; and

WHEREAS, The coaching staff for this year's Hilltoppers included head coach Ed Barney and assistant coaches, Sam Farren and Sam Farren, Jr; and

WHEREAS, The team enjoyed great fan support, home games were crowded with spirited backers, and away games included vigorous cheering from loyal supporters; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois High School Association Boys Soccer Class A Tournament began with 111 teams from high schools across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, On October 28-29, 2005, the IHSA held the final round of the Boys Soccer Class A tournament at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, When the Hilltoppers entered the finals that weekend, they had won all of their matches except one; and

WHEREAS, At the tournament, the team was gratified to look up in the stands and see that so many hometown fans followed them to Naperville; and

WHEREAS, In the tournament finals, the Hilltoppers achieved fourth place in Class A by beating Roanoke-Benson-Eureka 1-0 in the quarter-finals, before falling to Quincy Notre Dame and Wheaton Academy; and

WHEREAS, The next day, October 30, 2005, the teams' families and classmates, along with community boosters, lined a parade route in Danville and cheered the players and coaches as they waved from the Danville fire truck that led the parade; and

WHEREAS, At the celebration gathering at Schlarman High School after the parade, the coaches and team members were introduced and spoke to the crowd; additionally, Schlarman High School Principal, Dr. Raymond Broderick, Schlarman Athletic Director, Jason Woodworth, and Danville Mayor, Scott Eisenhower, lauded the soccer players for their team accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Coach Barney, justifiably proud of his team's accomplishments, noted that this year's team "set a high standard for the school"; and

WHEREAS, The Schlarman Hilltoppers concluded their record-breaking season with a total of 22 wins and only 3 losses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we heartily congratulate the Schlarman High School boys soccer team on their excellent season and their fourth place finish in the IHSA Boys Soccer Class A Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each team member, each coach, and to the athletic director and the principal, as an expression of our high esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 764

Offered by Representative Mautino:

WHEREAS, Hundreds of volunteers throughout the Bureau, Putnam, and LaSalle County portions of the Illinois Valley have done a tremendous job of organizing and completing Project Santa Adopt-A-Soldier; and

WHEREAS, Project Santa has delivered 11,576 stockings to U.S. soldiers; U.S. Army moms Kathy Cattani of Ladd and Heidi Milner are the main leaders of Project Santa; and

WHEREAS, Sue Friend, Colleen DeArcos, Deb Abney, and Gail Sims are key volunteers in Project Santa; and

WHEREAS, Boxes and boxes of stockings stuffed with holiday treats from Project Santa have and are arriving on a daily basis in such faraway places as Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Germany, and other areas; in addition to the stockings going to the soldiers on current duty in Iraq, stockings are also going to wounded soldiers at military medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, The community's generosity has allowed Project Santa to reach many more soldiers than originally thought possible; and

WHEREAS, Another organization that has been instrumental in helping with the Project Santa efforts is "Soldiers' Angels"; at its web site, individuals or groups can adopt a soldier by offering letters and packages from home to individuals who would not otherwise receive any communication from anyone; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend Project Santa Adopt-A-Soldier on its Christmas outreach efforts to our American soldiers, and we are thankful for the labor of love by the U.S. Army moms and volunteers of Project Santa and the continuing generosity of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Project Santa Adopt-A-Soldier as an

expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 766

Offered by Representative Hassert:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death in Iraq of Lance Corporal Adam W. Kaiser of Naperville on Thursday, December 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Kaiser was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, out of Twentynine Palms, California; the unit was attached to the Regimental Combat Team 8, which is part of the II Marine Expeditionary Force base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; his regiment was nicknamed the "War Dogs"; and

WHEREAS, Since the age of three, he had wanted to be a Marine when he grew up; he always enjoyed watching programs on military history, which sharpened his drive and goal to join the U.S. Marines; to aid him in his effort, he ran and practiced Tae Kwon Do, earning a black belt; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Naperville Central High School in 2004, enlisting shortly thereafter; he served as a rifleman and was deployed to Iraq in July; and

WHEREAS, His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Corporal Kaiser has been deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Wade and Christine; his sister, Sarah; and his twin sister, Amanda; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Lance Corporal Adam W. Kaiser, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Corporal Kaiser and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 767

Offered by Representative Black:

WHEREAS, Scott Krapf, a senior at Danville's Schlarman High School, has been named Cross Country Runner of the Year by the News-Gazette; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Krapf placed eighth in the IHSA Class A Boys Cross Country State Meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria on November 5, 2005; he is a two-time News-Gazette Cross Country Runner of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Scott Krapf had an impressive senior season; he won 12 of 15 races, including the conference and regional, finished second at sectional, and ran a personal-best 15 minutes, 11 seconds at state; and

WHEREAS, He not only excels in athletics, but academics as well; he has a 4.14 GPA on a 4.0 scale and is in line for valedictorian honors; he is a role model for other students because of his grades, medals, and his willingness to assist his teachers; he has plans to study sports management in college; and

WHEREAS, He is a sports nut, playing just about anything; he played varsity soccer along with cross country for three years; he has family ties to pro sports - his mother's uncle, Zeke Bratkowski, was a Schlarman great who played in the NFL; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Scott Krapf on being named Cross Country Runner of the Year by the News-Gazette and commend him on his outstanding athletic and academic achievements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Scott Krapf as an expression of our sincere best wishes for his success and happiness in the years to come.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 768

Offered by Representative Black:

WHEREAS, It is the privilege of this Body to recognize academic accomplishments of citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Danville Area Community College student Hope Marie Albin Dykes was recently named the only Lincoln Academy Student Laureate for the entire Illinois Community College system, chosen to represent the nearly 1 million Illinois community college students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dykes is actively involved at her school and is a member and president of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society, which requires a grade point average of 4.50 to be a member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dykes has overcome much adversity during her life; because of family difficulties, she has lived on her own since she was 15, and she is diagnosed with type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her devotion to academics, she ardently works to help others, which she considers her mission; she enjoys working with Phi Theta Kappa on its many community service projects, especially in relation to the American Cancer Society; she also serves on committees for the Relay for Life and the First Night Danville celebration; in addition, she mentored two school-age girls who also have type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, She is married to her husband, Colby, and is especially proud of her relationship with her siblings, Noah and Holly; her father has been a huge support for her and her grandpa, Benny Albin, was the biggest influence on her life; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Hope Marie Albin Dykes on being named the only Lincoln Academy Student Laureate for the entire Illinois Community College system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Dykes as an expression of our deepest respect and esteem and with best wishes for her continued success.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 769

Offered by Representative Fritchey:

WHEREAS, Catherine Mary Norris, Sister Katie as she is known to all, was born in Chicago and is the second oldest in a faithful family of eight children; and

WHEREAS, Sister Katie was born into a family that was used to service to the public, with two grandfathers who served on Chicago's City Council and who went on to serve the City of Chicago in other important capacities; and

WHEREAS, It has been said of Sister Katie that she was unique in her giving spirit even as a young child, and she was thought of as "someone to turn to" among the other children in her family and also by others in her neighborhood of Beverly, a very surprising quality for a young child; and

WHEREAS, When it was time for Sister Katie to further her education, she left Chicago and attended the Sisters of Charity Novitiate, Wayne State University, and received her Masters of Social Work from Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Sister Katie continued her life of giving by returning to Chicago, where she became a social worker for the St. Vincent dePaul Center, continuing in true earnest to give to those who needed help the most, including the children of the "working poor" and their families, seniors, and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Sister Katie also was responsible for overseeing the planning and construction of the new St. Vincent dePaul facility so that those in need would be better served, and at the same time continued to work tirelessly to grow the number of St. Vincent's donors, volunteers, and friends; and

WHEREAS, In Sister Katie's life there has never been a request for help that has gone unanswered as Sister Katie has continued her tradition from childhood of being that "someone to turn to"; and

WHEREAS, Sister Katie continues her good works and has instilled the Mission and Values of the Daughters of Charity into everyday life at both the St. Vincent dePaul Center and Marillac; she became the Director and CEO of both recently; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Sister Katie was recognized by the Concern organization with its Bridgid Award; Concern was founded in Ireland to serve those who were afflicted by the potato famine, and they now recognize with their Bridgid Award those individuals who show extraordinary care and effort in the Concern tradition to help those in poverty with food, job assistance, and child care; and

WHEREAS, Also in 2005, Sister Katie received the Cardinal Bernadine Mundelein Seminary "For Those Who Serve" award for her "life of service to the Church" and her "tireless promotion of the Catholic faith"; and

WHEREAS, Sister Katie has been chosen to continue her good works in Evansville, Indiana, and we are sad that we will no longer have this wonderful champion here in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It can be said that Sister Katie has truly, selflessly made a life of helping people in Chicago through the "rough times"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our heartfelt thanks to Sister Katie Norris for her unending compassion and help for the needy citizens of Chicago, and we wish her the very best in her future good works; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sister Catherine Mary Norris as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 771

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Sammie Lee and Rochelle Young on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Young were married on December 18, 1955, in Chicago; they have resided in the 21st Ward for 41 years; and

WHEREAS, They have four children, Sammie, Larry, Terry, and Reginald (deceased), who all became law enforcement officers; they also have six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Sammie Lee Young, Sr., has been a longshoreman for the past 50 years; he is an active member of the International Longshoremen's Union, a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner (Rolling Nobles), and has supported both his wife and children in their successful endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Young is the founder of Granny's House, a not-for-profit shelter located in the Englewood community that serves abused and homeless women and their children; she has spent the majority of her adult life working for the betterment of women and children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Young is currently a foster mother to five children; she worked for 20 years for the Chicago Public Schools in the Food Services Department as the lunchroom manager; for 12 years, she owned and operated A-Young Kuddly Care, a day care service for children; for 10 years, she provided a food catering service; and for four years, she operated ROZ Bus Service for day care children; she is an Eastern Star member; and

WHEREAS, Both Sammie Lee and Rochelle Young have been productive members of their city and surrounding community; they are role models of consistency, endurance, and responsibility - characteristics desperately needed for our younger generation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Sammie Lee and Rochelle Young on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sammie Lee and Rochelle Young as an expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for many more happy and rewarding years.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 774

Offered by Representative Flider:

WHEREAS, The Decatur Police Department celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding on January 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Officers will wear a specially designed commemorative 150th anniversary badge during the year of 2006; and

WHEREAS, The first city marshal was elected to office January 7, 1856; the marshal was the sole law enforcement officer for the city until the mid-1860s, when a deputy marshal was elected to assist him; by 1876, the police department consisted of the marshal, a deputy marshal, and 5 officers; by 1882, the city marshal and deputy marshal were no longer elected officials, but appointed by the mayor; the title of city marshal disappeared in the late 1890s and was replaced with the title of chief of police; by 1900, Decatur had 12 sworn officers; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, the police chief formed the first formal detective bureau for the police department and the civil service rank of detective was created; and

WHEREAS, The police department was located in the county courthouse on the southeast corner of Water and Wood Streets until 1927, when it moved into a building across the street on the northwest corner of Water and Washington; in 1939, when the present county courthouse was constructed in the 200 block of East Wood, the police department moved back in; in 1964, the police department moved into the city's municipal building located at 707 East Wood; in 1989, the police department moved into the newly constructed Law Enforcement Center in the 300 block of South Franklin; and

WHEREAS, As of this time, the Decatur Police Department has a force of 164 sworn officers, including 102 patrol officers, 36 detectives, 17 sergeants, 5 lieutenants, 3 deputy chiefs, and a police chief; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Decatur Police Department on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and express our sincerest best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Decatur Police Department as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 775

Offered by Representative Black:

WHEREAS, Kylie Harby, a Catlin High School senior, was chosen to represent her high school on the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Student Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harby was one of 20 students from throughout the State chosen to be on the Council; she was chosen because she is an excellent leader and a hard worker; she will be able to continue to develop her leadership role through her membership on the Council; and

WHEREAS, She wants to see positive changes for rural schools, as she is aware of the disparity in technology, textbooks, and funding between northern and southern Illinois schools; she looks forward to highlighting that rural schools provide more variety, healthier school lunches, and that students do teacher valuations; and

WHEREAS, She attended the ISBE's Student Advisory Council Conference on December 14-15, 2005; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Kylie Harby on her appointment to the ISBE Student Advisory Council, and we wish her continuing success in her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Kylie Harby as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 777

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate William A. Johnson, M.D., on being named Prevention Partnership's Prevention Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is the Medical Director at an internal medicine private practice for Johnson

Healthcare Providers, Ltd.; he serves as the Medical Director of the HIV/AIDS clinic at Luck Care Center; he is also medical director and a team physician at the Chicagoland Central Vitas Hospice office, medical director at Project Coat, and serves in numerous other locations and capacities; and

WHEREAS, He received a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Purdue University, his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, and completed his Residency in Internal Medicine at Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, He was honored in 2001 with the Monarch Award in Medicine, in 2000 as Doctor of the Year at Roseland Community Hospital, in 1986 with Honors for his Internal Medicine Clerkship at the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, and in 1981, he became a member of Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is president of the Board of Directors of Southside Health Association and Johnson Healthcare Providers, a member of the Board of Directors of Roseland Community Hospital and Metropolitan Health Chicago Association, and served on the Advocate Trinity Health Partners Board of Directors from 1996 to 2000; he is member of numerous professional and community organizations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate William A. Johnson, M.D., on being named Prevention Partnership's Prevention Person of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to him as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 778

Offered by Representative Osterman:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Ms. Bernice Perkins on the occasion of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins worked as receptionist at the Organization of the NorthEast (ONE) for over 15 years; she began her employment with ONE in 1989 as a Catholic Charities Volunteer; her work was so good, that the organization raised funds to offer her permanent employment; she served in her post with dedication for nearly 16 years; and

WHEREAS, As receptionist, Ms. Perkins was responsible for answering telephones, taking messages for staff, assisting members of the community who would call or come to the door for help, faxing, mailings, and ordering office supplies; she assisted at public meetings and other ONE events; she was always willing to take on extra duties to help the staff; and

WHEREAS, In addition to all of the above, Ms. Perkins turned the reception desk at ONE to a center of compassion and help for community members in need; many people would call just to hear her sage words of wisdom, or when they would need cheering up on a rainy day; she often gave clothes, food, and other gifts to the many needy people who passed through ONE's doors; she frequently organized the staff and Board members to make donations to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, As Ms. Perkins leaves ONE, it is certain that she will continue to be a leader in the community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Bernice Perkins on the occasion of her retirement from her position at ONE, and we thank her for her many years of dedication to helping her fellow citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her as an expression of our esteem and with best wishes for all of her future endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 780

Offered by Representative Washington:

WHEREAS, The members of this Body are honored to recognize significant milestones in the lives of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Ms. Rosie Mae (Tee) Dixon is celebrating the 80th

anniversary of her birth; and

WHEREAS, Tee was born on January 7, 1926, in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, to Johnnie and Mary Dixon; she was the second oldest of four daughters, including her sisters, Johnnie Mae Wright (deceased), Fay Cystrunk, and Gloria Jean Dixon; and

WHEREAS, Rosie Mae (Tee) Dixon is the proud mother of four sons, David Collins Washington (deceased), State Representative Eddie Washington, Edward Washington and Kevin Washington; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Rosie Mae (Tee) Dixon on the occasion of her 80th birthday, and we extend to her our sincere best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Dixon as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 781

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, Reverend M. Earle Sardon has served the people of the City of Chicago in ministry for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Following valiant service in World War II as a member of the U.S. Army, Reverend Sardon returned home to Chicago to fight, through non-violent protests, for the rights of his fellow African Americans; in 1946, he organized the Civil Rights Program, published and edited the Crusader newspaper, campaigned against Wonder Bread Company, and placed the first African-American bread truck driver salesman; by 1947, all of the bread companies had African-American drivers; and

WHEREAS, The fight went on to cover cake, pie, cookie, and laundry truck drivers, whiskey and wine salesmen, and beer companies; in 1949, he opened Andy Frain Co., which placed black ushers at sporting events for the first time; he helped to organize the black garbage truck company owners and led efforts to increase their business; and

WHEREAS, The civil rights movement marched on to include a campaign against Agar Meat Packers, A&P Stores, First National Bank in downtown Chicago, Brinks Money Transport Company, Greyhound Bus Co., El Producto Cigar Co., and ice cream companies; during 1961 and 1962, Rev. Sardon joined the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King in Georgia, Washington, D.C., and Chicago; throughout the years, he was arrested for his efforts for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, The Crusaders of Justice was organized in 1978, a group which worked tirelessly to help those less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Sardon went on to serve on the Citizens Utility Board, appointed by Governor James Thompson; he helped organize and served as chairman of the Illinois Committee of Churches for Religious Freedom and traveled to every state speaking and organizing for religious freedom; he also organized a State financed homeless shelter and worked to create and maintain a drug prevention program; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Sardon was appointed Director of Americorps' VISTA program site in Chicago in 2003 under the direction of the U.S. Department of Labor; he continues to serve as pastor of Holiness Community Temple, President of the Crusaders of Justice, and as a lecturer, counselor, and crisis mediator; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Reverend M. Earle Sardon, pastor of Holiness Community Temple, for his tireless devotion to civil rights and the needs of others through his ministry spanning 60 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Sardon as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 782

Offered by Representative Colvin:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness

of the death of Coleman Miller on Saturday, December 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on March 2, 1933, to Dr. William Edward and Marie Coleman Miller in Nashville, Tennessee; he spent his childhood primarily in Jackson, Mississippi, with his older siblings William Edward and Lucille Marie; as a young adult he attended Tougaloo College and later transferred to Fisk University on a basketball scholarship and earned his Bachelors of Arts degree in sociology; and

WHEREAS, Upon receiving an honorable discharge as a Master Sergeant, he enrolled in George Williams College in Chicago, where he earned a master's degree in social work administration; and

WHEREAS, He took great pride in his accomplishments as a socially conscious community leader; in addition to his time in the Chicago area, his long career in social work took him to Cleveland, Ohio, to Brooklyn, New York, back to Cleveland, Ohio, and later to Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Mr. Miller moved to Evanston, Illinois, and became the Executive Director of Beacon Neighborhood House in Chicago; as Executive Director, he started with a budget of \$200,000 per year, which eventually grew under his leadership to over \$2,000,000; during his tenure he initiated food, work, and educational programs to help people in the surrounding communities in the city of Chicago; one of his major accomplishments was the formation of a credit union; and

WHEREAS, He served as President of the Evanston, Illinois, branch of the N.A.A.C.P. for many years and was appointed to public office by the Mayor of Evanston, where he served as the city's township supervisor; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Mr. Miller returned to Jackson, Mississippi, where he founded a mortgage brokerage company called Family Mortgage Company, Inc.; he named it Family Mortgage because of his desire to build a strong family business to pass down to future generations; as a prominent and successful broker, he served as president of the Mortgage Brokerage Association of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church; he wanted to be remembered as a hard worker who believed in equality and civil rights; he thought of himself as a dreamer and a fighter; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Coleman Miller has been deeply felt by many, especially his children, Paul (Vickie), Mark (Jennifer), David (Donna), and Patrice (Tim); his grandchildren, Callie, Lena, Nicole, Sky, Nora, Daniel, and Donovan; his former wife of 26 years, Martha Miller; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Coleman Miller, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 783

Offered by Representative Hoffman:

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Edna Wolfe has retired from her position as Edwardsville Township Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Edna Marie (Sedlacek) Wolfe was born on a farm in Madison County on December 31, 1921; she attended schools in the Edwardsville School District and is a lifelong resident of Madison County; she married Roy D. Wolfe on October 15, 1941; she has three children, Sue Ricker, Alan Wolfe, and Jana Wolfe; one grandchild, Courtney Black; and one great-grandchild, Paige Black; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wolfe has served as a greeter for the Edwardsville Welcome Wagon, as a Precinct Committee Woman, and as a realtor for Brown Realty; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wolfe was elected to be township assessor in 1981 and came into office on January 1, 1982; her term expired on December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, She is a certified Illinois Assessing Officer and is a member of Township Officials of Illinois, the International Association of Assessing Officials, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, the Edwardsville YMCA, the Edwardsville Rotary Club, the Edwardsville Ladies Auxiliary VFW (past president), and St. John's United Methodist Church, where she is coordinator for Sunday School and Youth Group; she is a past president of the Edwardsville-Collinsville Board of Realtors and was Realtor of the Year in 1983; she received the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Athena Award in April of 1986 and served as president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1987-1988; and

WHEREAS, She was honored for her notable service at a retirement party on Wednesday, December 28, 2005, at the Hays Mallory Community Building in Edwardsville; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Edna Wolfe on the occasion of her retirement as Edwardsville Township Assessor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Wolfe as an expression of our esteem and with best wishes for her future.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 784

Offered by Representative Dugan:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are proud to recognize significant events in the lives of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Lieutenant Thomas M. Fitts of the Grant Park Police Department graduated June 13, 2005 from the F.B.I. National Academy Program in Quantico, Virginia as part of the 221st National Academy class; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitts graduated with honors, earning a 4.0 grade point average on a 4-point scale and received the Yellow Brick Fitness award; the Yellow Brick Award required participation in nearly three months worth of challenge runs in addition to other physical training regimens; the final challenge was a 9.2 mile run; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Lieutenant Thomas M. Fitts of the Grant Park Police Department on his graduation from the F.B.I. National Academy Program and wish him all the best in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas Fitts as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 785

Offered by Representative Dugan:

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Chief Leon Paul Fritz has retired from the Bradley Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Firefighting is a public service of the highest order, and its practitioners are individuals whom Illinoisans rely upon at unexpected and often frightening moments; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Chief Fritz joined the fire department as a Firefighter in January of 1971; he was promoted to the positions of Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, and Chief; and

WHEREAS, He has been a lifelong resident of Bradley and has always had his heart in everything he does; and

WHEREAS, The community of Bradley has been extremely fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Deputy Fire Chief Fritz's firefighting expertise; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Deputy Fire Chief Leon P. Fritz on his retirement, and we thank him for his exemplary service with the Bradley Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Deputy Fire Chief Leon P. Fritz with our best wishes for whatever his future may hold.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 786

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The support of members of the U.S. Armed Forces that are serving overseas is a cause worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Franklin Park School Beta Club assisted in finishing 48 quilts that were made to send to soldiers from the Salem National Guard Unit who are serving in Iraq; the quilts were boxed and shipped on November 21, 2005; they were made by Helen Arnold of Vernon, Arletta Bundy of Centralia, and the Gilead Methodist Church Quilt Group of Centralia; the students spent many hours tying the quilts to finish them and prepare them for shipping; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Beta Club who helped prepare the quilts include Alyssa Williams, Bailey Cook, Chelsea Knaak, Rayla Barnfield, Brittany Stinnett, Katie Somerville, Courtney Bice, Levi Molenhour, Josey Fitzwater, LeeAnn Wood, Joey Suarez, Elizabeth Chapman, Cassie Ambuehl, Seth Molenhour, Austin Hamm, Katie Bringwald, Kristina Cape, Lance Reynolds, Abby Collum, Jessica Piper, Alissa DeWitt, Brittany Morris, Megan Steward, Allison Cartwright, and Nancy Beem; Steve Smith of Salem was the organizer of the project; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank the Franklin Park School Beta Club and Steve Smith, Helen Arnold, Arletta Bundy, and the Gilead Methodist Church Quilt Group for their assistance in sending several quilts to soldiers from the Salem National Guard Unit who are serving in Iraq; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the members of the Franklin Park School Beta Club and Steve Smith, Helen Arnold, Arletta Bundy, and the Gilead Methodist Church Quilt Group as expressions of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 787

Offered by Representative Hannig:

WHEREAS, In a small frame building on South Macoupin Street in Gillespie on November 22, 1905, the first issue of The Gillespie News appeared in print; and

WHEREAS, The original firm operated under the name of The Gillespie News Publishing Company, with S.P. Preston serving as editor and publisher; the first issues were a five-column, all home-printed paper until 1906, when new machinery was installed and the paper was enlarged to a six-column sheet; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the publication has changed hands as well as names; today, it is the South County News owned and published by the Dave Ambrose family; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the News has led the county of Macoupin in progressive publishing operations, installing the first linotype in the area in 1911, and today being the only publication in the county that is fully designed on computer and transmitted electronically to the press; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, the paper has been recognized for excellence a total of 53 times by the Southern Illinois Press Association and 38 times by the Illinois Press Association; and

WHEREAS, As a family-owned newspaper, a rarity in the industry, the South County News operates totally independent, which is another rarity; the 100th anniversary of the News was celebrated on November 22, 2005; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the staff and owners of the South County News on the occasion of the publication's 100th anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the South County News as an expression of our esteem and with best wishes for its continued success.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 788

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Judge George W. Timberlake will retire from his position as Chief Judge in December of 2006 after 20 years of service in the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Judge Timberlake earned a B.A. in political science, a Juris Doctor degree, and Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed Circuit Judge in 1985, elected in 2000, and is currently Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit; he is the Chairman of the Conference of Chief Judges Juvenile Committee, a

member of the Supreme Court Study Committee on Juvenile Justice, and a member of the Executive Committee of Governors Community Safety and Re-entry Working Group; and

WHEREAS, The Second Judicial District consists of 12 rural counties in the southeastern corner of the State; in his capacity as Chief Judge, he supervises 19 other judges, 14 court reporters, 4 probation divisions with 42 employees, and works closely with 12 Circuit Clerks to oversee the court schedules of those counties and to keep them operating smoothly and efficiently; Judge Timberlake also supervises the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center, with 45 employees; the Center, under Judge Timberlake, currently operates a traditional detention center, a model assessment center, and will soon open a ground-breaking juvenile methamphetamine treatment center; and

WHEREAS, The Second Circuit currently serves as a Redeploy Illinois pilot site, a National Institute of Corrections Evidence-Based Practices pilot site, and a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative cohort site; and

WHEREAS, He is a board member of the State of Illinois Redeploy Oversight Board, Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative, Illinois Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Initiative, as well as being Chairman of the Second Judicial Circuit Juvenile Justice Council; and

WHEREAS, Judge Timberlake is married to Mary Jo Dunkel, a speech/language pathologist with Mt. Vernon City Schools; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Judge George W. Timberlake on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Judge Timberlake as an expression of our esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 789

Offered by Representative Washington:

WHEREAS, New Tang Dynasty TV's (NTDTV) 2006 Chinese New Year Global Gala has expanded to 16 major cities in Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America, with an expected live audience of 50,000 worldwide and 200 million viewing the galas on satellite, cable television, and the Internet; and

WHEREAS, NTDTV is the world's largest Chinese-language television network outside China and Taiwan; headquartered in New York, New York, NTDTV currently has reporters and correspondents in over 50 cities worldwide; the aim of the Gala is to celebrate China's magnificent heritage and foster cross-cultural understanding between the East and West; and

WHEREAS, In Illinois, NTDTV is celebrating the Chinese New Year at the Arie Crown Theater McCormick Place on Saturday, February 4, 2006; the evening will showcase the beauty and grace of China's classical heritage as well as the West's great artistic traditions; and

WHEREAS, The New Year Gala is a rich, meaningful cultural event promoting cross-cultural understanding; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize New Tang Dynasty Television's 2006 Chinese New Year Global Gala, and we extend our best wishes for the new year to all citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to New Tang Dynasty Television as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 791

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, City of Aurora's Mayor Weisner recognized Bill Powell's gifted leadership within the city's police force and named him Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bill Powell grew up on the south side of Chicago; he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1970, where he served as an Air Freight and Air Passenger Specialist and recruiter; he returned to civilian

law enforcement at the Illinois Youth Center in Geneva; in 1977, he joined the city's police force as only the fourth African-American police officer in the history of the city; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, he was promoted to the position of Sergeant; seven years later, he was promoted to the position of Lieutenant; early this year, he was promoted to the position of Commander; and

WHEREAS, Chief Powell is a truly remarkable leader and a man who has spent his career bucking racism and blazing new trails for people of color throughout the community; he has served as a role-model for our younger generation, teaching them that with perseverance, honor, and dedication to duty, the highest goals are achievable regardless of skin color; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Christine, have four children, Brenda, Diane, Yhana, and Alicia; he is a classic car enthusiast, an avid football fan, and a well-traveled grandfather; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Chief Powell as the City of Aurora's first African-American police chief; we congratulate him on his 28 years of exceptional service and extend to him our best wishes for many more years of continued service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Powell as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 793

Offered by Representative William Davis:

WHEREAS, Access Community Health Network is celebrating its new diabetes management program in 20 community health centers, benefiting more than 6,000 low-income, often uninsured diabetic patients; and

WHEREAS, Access Community Health Network was named the 2005 Chicago Benefits recipient and received a \$100,000 grant from Humana to fund its diabetes management program for low-income patients; the program is based upon a successful pilot project in six health centers; the grant will expand the project and will reach more than 6,000 diabetic patients with medical care, health education, and self-management tools to reduce their HbA1c scores to the recommended level of 7.0 or less; and

WHEREAS, Access Community Health Network, is the nation's largest network of community health centers, serving 175,000 low income patients each year; 93% of the agency's patients are African-American or Latino/a, and one-third are uninsured; more than 99% of the organization's patients live at or below 200% of the poverty level; about 61% of the organization's patients are Medicaid beneficiaries, and 4% are enrolled in Medicare; Access Community Health Network's quality of care is among the top 10% in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Access Community Health Network was founded in the 1980s by Mount Sinai Hospital, which serves Chicago's highly impoverished North Lawndale community; in 1991, the organization became a separately incorporated 501(c)3 organization with nine clinics, its own management team, and a patient-majority Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Access Community Health Network's goal for its diabetes management program is to decrease HbA1c scores; diabetes is one of our nation's greatest health risks, affecting approximately 18.2 million people in the United States, roughly 6.2% of the population; it is associated with heart disease, chronic kidney problems, blindness, and amputations and is the fifth leading cause of death among women, the sixth among men, and the seventh leading cause of death in Chicago; diabetes is particularly devastating for people of color and low-income people, Access Community Network's target population; and

WHEREAS, Today, Access Community Health Network is the largest health provider in the region, with the sole exception of the Cook County Department of Public Health; Access Community Health Network's 44 health centers serve one out of five of Chicago's and one out of ten of the suburbs' uninsured patients; the organization's 170 board certified physicians are complemented by 300 RNs, LCSWs, medical assistants, health educators, case managers, and outreach specialists; and

WHEREAS, Access Community Health Network's patients benefit from nationally recognized partnerships with community mental health and substance abuse treatment providers, social service agencies, dentists, and seven hospitals (including Mount Sinai); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Access Community Health Network on

the occasion of celebrating the expansion of its diabetes management program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Access Community Health Network as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 794

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, Five individuals and one team were inducted into the Centralia Sports Hall of Fame on Tuesday, December 27, 2005, including Bob Bogle, Teena Magoulias-Shafer, Larry Smith, Fay Vaccaro, Ron Wimpy, and the 1954-55 Centralia Junior College basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Bob Bogle had a 189-93 record as head boys' basketball coach and athletic director at Centralia High School and led the Orphans to 20-win seasons five times, including trips to the Sweet 16 in 1988 and 1993; and

WHEREAS, Teena Magoulias-Shafer, a standout athlete as well as a coach, teacher, mentor and friend to many of Centralia's female athlete was a coach in four sports at Centralia Junior High School for 29 seasons, with a 287-125 record as softball coach and an 82-16 record and two Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association titles as head girls' basketball coach; she remains active as head coach of the St. Mary's Lady Cardinals basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Larry Smith, a retired baseball coach at Kaskaskia College, had more than 800 wins to his credit in a 36-year coaching career; a total of 15 Blue Devils in Mr. Smith's tenure signed professional baseball contracts, and three of those, Larry Mohme, Bryan Eversgerd, and current Baltimore Orioles reliever Aaron Rakers, ended up playing in the Major Leagues; and

WHEREAS, Fay Vaccaro, this year's V.I.P. Award winner, was an outstanding fast-pitch softball pitcher; she pitched for the Centralia Paydays from 1956 to 1962, coached the girls' softball team at St. Mary's School from 1960 to 1982, and was a coach and mentor for many of Centralia's female athletes, including Ms. Magoulias-Shafer; Ms. Vaccaro also became known as an outstanding bowler; and

WHEREAS, Ron Wimpy was a two-team sports captain at Centralia Township High School who played both football and basketball in the final season of A.L. Trout's long and distinguished coaching career at CTHS and whose game-winning basket in a 1951 game ended the Mt. Vernon Rams' 46-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, The 1954-55 Centralia Junior College basketball team, coached by Sports Hall of Fame member Chuck Mundell, had a 20-5 record and won the Central Illinois Conference championship while ranking in the top 10 nationally in scoring with an average of 91 points per game; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate each of the 2005 inductees of the Centralia Sports Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to each inductee as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 795

Offered by Representative Beiser:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Fred L. Hubbard, former mayor of Roxana, on Wednesday, December 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on January 28, 1949, in Alton to Wayne and Fay (Stark) Hubbard; he married the former Nancy A. Hanks on February 14, 1987, in Rosewood Heights; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from SIU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business and was a manager of Kienstra Concrete for ten years; and

WHEREAS, He was mayor of Roxana for five years and a member of the Roxana Village Board for 26 years; he was a member of the Wood River Moose Lodge, the Alton Eagles, the Riverbend Growth Association, member and song director of the First Baptist Church of Roxana, and was a former member of the Black Knights Drum Corps; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Fred L. Hubbard has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Nancy;

his stepdaughter, Deanne Harrison; his stepson and his wife, Nick and Kristi Adams; his grandchildren, Steven and Spencer; his brother and sister-in-law, Charley and Sue Hubbard; and his niece and nephew, Jim and Kelli Brown, and their children, Chris, Ashley, and Tanner; he was preceded in death by his parents; his twin grandchildren, Hope and Bennett Harrison; his brothers, Donald and Doug Hubbard; and his sister, Dorothy Hubbard; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Fred L. Hubbard, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 798

Offered by Representative Jones:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Jorja English Palmer on December 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, She was born June 16, 1930, in New Madrid, Missouri, to Frank and Elizabeth (Bessie) Williams; when she was four years old, both of her parents died; she and her brothers and sisters were brought to Chicago, Illinois, where they lived with their aunt, Esther Mack, on Chicago's south side; and

WHEREAS, She attended Willard and Forestville Elementary Schools; she graduated from DuSable High School and Chicago City Junior Colleges with honors; while in elementary school, she participated in a special program for the Study of Gifted Children, and in high school, she was singled out by several teachers to join the NAACP and Youth Committee, involvement that began to shape and mold her life for all time to come; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, she married Jami English, Sr., and in this union they became parents of four children, Darien Yvonne, Karen Elaine, Jami, Jr., and Stanford; by 1960, she was head of the West Chatham Improvement Organization Education Committee and was sent by that body to the newly formed Chicago Community Council Organization; in the 1970s, she engaged in the fight for an African-American school board president for the Chicago Board of Public Schools and made history as a delegate to the National Black Political Assembly in Gary, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, she married journalist and political pundit Lu Palmer; in 1981 they made a move for real community power when they convened "Toward a Black Mayor" at Malcolm X College; it was Jorja Palmer who created the process for selecting a black mayoral candidate; together, the Palmers launched the largest voter registration drive in Chicago's history, which created the political environment in the African-American community that persuaded Harold Washington to launch his candidacy for mayor; and

WHEREAS, She worked with S.N.C.C., CORE, SCLE, and the NAACP, the Urban League, the Black Panthers, the Parent Equalizers, Operation PUSH, the Garfield Organization, WSO, and many other groups; with Armita Boswell, Nancy Jefferson, and Lenore Cartwright, Mrs. Palmer helped found the League of Black Women; she went on to work in the political thrust with leaders such as Allan Streeter, Danny K. Davis, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sammy Rayner, Attorney William Cousins, Anna Langford, Barbara A. Sizemore, Bobby Rush, Lovana Jones, Dorothy Tillman, Wesley South, Cirilo McSween, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Bob Starks, Conrad Worrill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Lu Palmer, and many others; and

WHEREAS, She became more involved with the communications aspect of the Movement, drafting press releases, summarizing the slogans, the media events, and the general call-to-arms for CBUC's thrust Toward a Black Mayor; she helped Lu with his newspaper, The Black X-Press, and she stood beside him in every venture of his life, from an earlier battle to get an African American chosen as school board president, to the crusade to elect Harold Washington, to their joint membership in an inter-racial political organization called PRO-CAN (Progressive Chicago Area Network), and in countless other causes; on October 22, 1982, Jorja founded and established the Stanford English Home for Boys, the first group home for African-American children in Illinois, which was named for her autistic son, Stanford English, who is deceased; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Jorja English Palmer has been deeply felt by many, especially her children Darien Y. Simon (Horace "Les"), Karen E. English, and Jami D. English, Jr. (Karen); her grandchildren,

Patrick Simon (Nolanna), Natilee Simon, and Jelani and Imani English; her great-grandchildren, Nya and Patrick (P.J.) Simon; her stepson, Lu Palmer, III; and her many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and co-workers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Jorja English Palmer, a woman whose contributions to the African-American community of Chicago will long be remembered, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 762, 763, 764, 766, 767, 768, 769, 771, 774, 775, 777, 778, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 791, 793, 794, 795 and 798 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the Agreed Resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 5:15 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Thursday, January 12, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-FOURTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

January 11, 2006

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114 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Dugan	P Krause	P Pritchard
P Bassi	P Dunkin	P Lang	P Ramey
P Beaubien	P Dunn	P Leitch	P Reis
P Beiser	P Durkin	P Lindner	P Reitz
P Bellock	P Eddy	P Lyons, Joseph	P Rita
P Berrios	P Feigenholtz	P Mathias	P Rose
P Biggins	P Flider	P Mautino	P Ryg
P Black	P Flowers	P May	P Sacia
P Boland	P Franks	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Bost	P Fritchey	P McCarthy	P Schmitz
P Bradley, John	P Froehlich	P McGuire	P Schock
P Bradley, Richard	P Giles	P McKeon	E Scully
P Brady	P Golar	P Mendoza	P Smith
P Brauer	P Gordon	P Meyer	P Sommer
P Brosnahan	P Graham	P Miller	P Soto
P Burke	P Granberg	P Mitchell, Bill	P Stephens
P Chapa LaVia	P Hamos	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Sullivan
P Chavez	P Hannig	P Moffitt	P Tenhouse
P Churchill	P Hassert	P Molaro	P Tryon
P Collins	P Hoffman	P Mulligan	P Turner
P Colvin	P Holbrook	P Munson	P Verschoore
P Coulson	P Howard	P Myers	P Wait
P Cross	P Hultgren	P Nekritz	E Washington
P Cultra	P Jakobsson	P Osmond	P Watson
P Currie	P Jefferson	P Osterman	P Winters
P D'Amico	P Jenisch	P Parke	P Yarbrough
P Daniels	P Jones	E Patterson	P Younge
P Davis, Monique	E Joyce	P Phelps	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, William	P Kelly	P Pihos	
P Delgado	P Kosel	P Poe	

E - Denotes Excused Absence